A Community of Faith, Knowledge & Service

This week Catholic schools around the nation will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. It is a week that gives us an opportunity to reflect on the blessings of what it means to be part of a Catholic School environment. Ms. Erin Mara, a first grade teacher at Saint Ignatius Loyola School, and Raphael Foncillas, an eighth grade student, reflect on their experiences at Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

At a time when it seems the news highlights tragedies occurring in the world each day, it is a comfort to be a part of a strong and caring community. For me in particular, it is a time when I am reminded of how lucky I am to be a part of the Saint Ignatius Loyola community.

I have been a teacher for several years. This is my first year teaching in a Catholic school and it is a place I have always wanted to be. Important values were instilled in me through my own Catholic education. Upon graduating college, I reflected on what kind of school I hoped to teach in one day. Faith, family, friendship, and service were embedded in my education. I wanted to find a work environment that I could be a part of professionally that would encompass all of these.

I like to think that Saint Ignatius Loyola School chose me, not solely because of a job opportunity; it had chosen me long before I was born. In 1952, at a Sunday morning Mass in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, a parishioner fainted. Two people rushed to her aid — Ann Mumm and Wellington Mara. These two met for the first time at that Sunday Mass. They were soon married, had eleven children and forty-three grandchildren. I am number sixteen of the forty-three grandchildren. This parish holds many special memories for my family.

My grandfather was not only a parishioner, he also attended Loyola School. He often recalled fond memories from his time there. Catholic education was so important to my grandparents. No matter what life might throw your way, they would tell us, you could rely on your faith to get you through it. This belief was passed on to their children, so it was an easy decision for my parents to send their five children to the Resurrection School in Rye, New York. I went on to attend the School of the Holy Child and, later, Boston College.

I truly believe my experience at Resurrection School shaped me into the person that I am today. I have found many similarities between Resurrection School and Saint Ignatius Loyola School. The most important is that academics are not the sole focus. Both schools emphasize the importance of living a life centered on morals, compassion, and service to others. Children are taught to emulate the Church's teachings. The values taught and modeled in both schools reinforce the values taught and modeled at home.

Teaching at Saint Ignatius Loyola is a truly rewarding experience. Whether it is observing my students helping each other, listening to them compliment one another, seeing friendly smiles throughout the school building, interacting with the supportive administration, faculty and a wonderful community of parents, I know this is where I am meant to be. I consider myself to be truly blessed to be part of the Saint Ignatius Loyola community as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

— Erin Mara, First Grade Teacher

When families are researching and visiting schools, the focus oftentimes seems to only be on the academics. However, there are numerous schools that offer even a greater learning experience — Catholic schools.

What sets Catholic schools apart from other learning institutions is something very special. It is more than a curriculum steeped in strong academics. They comprise communities of faith, knowledge, and service.

In addition to being well-educated, Catholic school students are kind, caring individuals — a part of a much greater community. This kindness is epitomized in the students’ daily actions.

As an eighth grade student at Saint Ignatius Loyola School, I believe that the most important role for a school is to work with each student to be the best possible version of himself or herself, so that when he or she goes out into the world, he or she can make it a better place for all.

Students who graduate from a Catholic school truly represent the power of Catholic communities of faith, knowledge, and service.

— Raphael Foncillas, President of Student Government

Eighth Grade Student
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Feeding Our Neighbors
Archdiocesan-Wide Food Drive ends today. Please bring donations to the Parish House.
Details on page 5.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st
Blood Drive. Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. McKinnon Hall. Details on page 5.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

IGNITE! Teen Ministry. 6:30 PM. Hoefner Lounge. Teens 13–19 are welcome! Details on page 3.

Jesus: His Life and Message
Presented by Brian Pinter
Six Sessions Beginning February 17th
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
New Classroom – Wallace Hall (Rear)

Our presentation and discussions will explore the ministry and message of Jesus in light of current biblical scholarship. Topics to be considered will include Jesus’ early years, the influence of John the Baptist on Jesus, Jesus as both prophet and wisdom teacher, his teaching on the Kingdom of God, his parables and miracles, and the challenges which Jesus presents to the churches today.

Brian Pinter is currently the Education Associate and Bible scholar-in-residence at Christ Church United Methodist. Mr. Pinter holds degrees in theology and religion from St. Joseph’s and Fordham Universities.

Space is limited. Early registration is recommended. To register, email bergenw@saintignatiusloyola.org

Catholic Schools Week
January 31st – February 6th
Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of Catholic elementary and secondary schools and the important role they play in providing a values-added education for America’s young people.

Special Collection Next Weekend:
Peter’s Pence
Next weekend, our Parish will take up the annual Peter’s Pence Collection.

This worldwide collection supports the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance.

Thank you for your generosity.

All parishioners are invited to attend
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT
OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Saturday, February 20th at 12:10 PM

This liturgy is designed so that the community can support those members who face the suffering of illness or aging.

All those who are chronically or acutely ill, elderly, disabled, facing surgery, or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering are invited to participate.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Seniors of the parish and neighboring community are invited to the
Seniors Winter Luncheon
Saturday, February 27th at 1:00 PM
Wallace Hall

To RSVP, call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 or email svdpmembership980@gmail.com with your full name by Monday, February 22nd.

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
**Sunday Social Winter Schedule**
The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21–39) are welcome.

**Sunday Social Dates**
- February 21
- March 6
- March 20
- April 3
- April 17

**IYA Lenten Reflection Group**
Sundays from February 21st – March 20th
6:00 PM in Hoefner Lounge
For young adults in their 20s & 30s
A reflection group for young adults to share experiences about their relationship with God and gratefully and openly listen to one another.

This year we will gather to reflect on *Lent with the Saints: Daily Reflections* by Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon.com
Please bring the book to the first meeting.

**Meeting Dates**
- February 21
- March 6
- March 20
- February 28
- March 13

To register, visit http://goo.gl/forms/LjfkvZbIPT by Sunday, February 14th.

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**MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**
Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

**Morning Sessions**
- Tuesdays, February 16th – April 13th
  - 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Evening Sessions**
- Wednesdays, February 17th – April 13th
  - 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Note: Both sessions will conclude at the evening meeting on Wednesday, April 13th

**What does it offer?**
Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week’s prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**
Saturday, February 6th
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Hoefner Lounge
Teens 13–19 years old are welcome!
As a parish-based youth ministry rooted in Ignatian spirituality and Catholic tradition, IGNITE! offers a forum through which high school students and their families may find a deeper relationship with God and each other.

Registration for each session is encouraged but not required.
For more information and/or to register, contact Teresa Carino at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT**
**A Lot of Things:**
Wisdom from the Book of Expectations
with
Sister Mary Lanning, SFCC
Founder, YES!Solutions, Inc.
All parishioners who minister to others are invited to attend.

**Saturday, February 6th**
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
in Wallace Hall
Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Space is limited.
Register online at http://tinyurl.com/Feb2016LME
For those without internet access:
Call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 to register.

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**EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**
A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on **Tuesday evening, February 16th,** in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.
The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.
To register, email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com
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“Let us remain with Christ — abiding in Christ — and let us always try to be one with him. Let us follow him; let us imitate him in his movement of love, in his going forth to meet humanity. Let us go forth and open doors. Let us have the audacity to mark out new paths for proclaiming the Gospel.”

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*

### Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, February 1st** (Fourth Monday in Ordinary Time)
- 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13
- Psalm 3
- Mark 5:1–20

- 8:30 MEM Carmen Miguel
- 12:10 MEM Shirley Kruysman
- 5:30 MEM Carmen Miguel

**Tuesday, February 2nd** (The Presentation of the Lord)
- Malachi 3:1–4
- Psalm 24
- Hebrews 2:14–18

- 8:30 MEM Carmen Miguel
- 12:10 MEM Michael Kelly
- 5:30 MEM Carmen Miguel

**Wednesday, February 3rd** (Fourth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
- 2 Samuel 24:2, 9–17
- Psalm 32
- Mark 6:1–6

- 8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
- 12:10 MEM Bernard E. Madison, Sr.
- 5:30 MEM Carmen Miguel

**Thursday, February 4th** (Fourth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
- 1 Kings 3:4–13
- 1 Chronicles 29
- Mark 6:7–13

- 8:30 MEM Dorothy Rossi Hughes
- 12:10 MEM Mick Gallagher
- 5:30 MEM Macy Ann Beha

**Friday, February 5th** (St. Agatha)
- Sirach 47:2–11
- Psalm 18
- Mark 6:14–29

- 8:30 MEM Ann Mara
- 12:10 MEM Rosemary Weisenberger
- 5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

**Saturday, February 6th** (SS. Paul Miki, Charles Spinola, & Sebastian Kimura)
- 1 Kings 3:4–13
- Psalm 119
- Mark 6:30–34

- 8:30 MEM David Oing

**Sunday, February 7th** (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8
- Psalm 138

- 1 Corinthians 15:1–11
- Luke 5:1–11

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### Available at the Parish House

**New York Catholics: Faith, Attitude & the Works!**

The legacy of New York City’s largest religious community comes alive in these biographies of 76 women and men who have helped make New York and America great, and whose character and qualities are uniquely New York and Catholic.

**Cost:** $20

**Signed copies of The Abbey, by Rev. James Martin, S.J.**

The debut novel by Fr. Martin focuses on three lives intersecting and their shared journey toward faith, hope, and love — a grieving mother who lost her son, an ambitious young architect who finds himself working as a handyman, and the wise, yet uncertain abbot of a local monastery.

**A limited number of signed books are available for purchase at Reception.**

**Cost:** $25

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### Ready to try a 500-year-old workout regimen with proven results?

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### PRAYER RESOURCES

**Pray as You Go**

[www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

*Pray as You Go* is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.

**3-Minute Retreats**

[www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm](http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm)

Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.
Join Fr. Feely, Members of the Parish Staff, and Members of our Parish Ministries for

The Ignatian Way Lenten Dinner
Saturday, February 20th in Wallace Hall
immediately following
the 5:30 PM Mass.

Won't you join us as we begin the Lenten Season by sharing a meal and reflecting on the road we will travel together this Lent?

Dinner will consist of meatless lasagna, salad, and beverages.

Can you contribute a dessert?
A limited number will be accepted. Please let us know when you RSVP.

To RSVP, email IWSLSUPPER@gmail.com or call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 by Wednesday, February 17th.

Space is limited.

Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

ENDS TODAY!

Please bring donations of non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

Donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street.

While all donations are greatly appreciated, these items are especially welcome:

- 100% fruit juices
- beans (canned or dry)
- canned fish
- salmon, sardines, or tuna
- canned fruits
- canned meat
- chicken, beef, or ham
- canned stews
- chicken or beef
- canned vegetables
- coffee/tea
- couscous
- dried fruits
- dry cereal and hot cereal
- farina, grits, or oatmeal
- dry milk packets
- flour/cornmeal/baking mixes
- nutritional beverages
- Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast
- nuts
- pasta/noodles
- peanut butter
- personal care items
- rice
- shelf-stable milk
- soya/almond/rice milk
- spices
- tomato sauce
- vegetable soups
- whole wheat crackers

Every item counts!

Thank you for your generosity.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.

Your donation may enable a premature baby to live, a burn victim to recover, a cancer patient to be treated, or an accident victim to survive.

Walk-ins are welcome.

A photo or signature ID is required.

Please drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced meal before giving blood.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Dupré  Trois Élévations, Op. 32
Rachmaninoff  Vespers, Op. 37: Priidite, poklonimsia
Williams  In the year that King Uzziah died
Gigout  Toccata

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

with Parish Community Choir

Bliss, arr. Biery  It is Well With My Soul

Lent 2016 begins Ash Wednesday, February 10th
Music Information: (212) 288-2520   Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org